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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson I.—October 6.

THE TIME OF THE JUDGES.—Judges 2: 1-12, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The Lord raised up judges which delivered them.—Judg. 2: 16.

THE SECTION includes the first five chapters of Judges.

BOOK OF JUDGES.—1. Its name is derived from the fact that it is a record of the doings of the judges.

2. Its author is unknown. According to Jewish tradition, the author was Samuel.

3. The period covered by the book extends over about 280 years, from Joshua's death, B. C. 1427 to the birth of Samuel, A. C. 1146.

4. The book is not a continuous history, but rather groups of incidents designed to illustrate the progress of God's people and God's dealings with them.

5. The judges formed temporary heads in particular centers, or over particular groups of tribes, yet they are represented as exercising jurisdiction over Israel as a whole.

THE PARTIAL CONQUEST AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.—Vs. 1-5 It became plain that the people were not fulfilling their part of the covenant, and were in great danger of being corrupted by the Canaanites remaining in the land. God gave them a solemn warning. An Angel of the Lord was some special visible manifestation of God. From Gilead, the first encampment near Jericho, to Bochim, probably near Shiloh, where the tabernacle was. And said: There was a general assembly of the Israelites in this place, to whom he spoke, I made you, etc. It gave the authority back of the message. I will never break my covenant with you. Whatever they had done, God had been true to his own promises. If they were not securely settled in Canaan, it was their own fault. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants. Their duty was to wholly drive them out, and to throw down their altars, so that they would not be tempted to worship other Gods. Ye have not obeyed my voice, though that was the condition on which alone they could prosper. Wherefore I also said, rather "I have now said," I will not drive them out from before you. I will no more work wonders as in the past. As thorns, annoyances, trials. A snare, tempting to sin and leading to the punishment of their sin.

Their duty was to drive the Canaanites wholly out of the land and to take full possession at the beginning.

This was the easiest time to accomplish this work. The Canaanites were scattered, broken in strength, and with God's aid could have been easily overcome.

On account of their neglect, they were led into idolatry and other sins, and where troubled for a thousand years. A thorough conquest at first would have saved them ages of suffering and sinning.

It is the same with the Canaanites in our own hearts. The victory over sin cannot be gained in a day, by one great battle. God's people should make a constant warfare, and be constant victors. Every sin left in the heart, every faculty or power not wholly consecrated to Christ, every lust unsubdued will be a trouble and a sorrow all our days.

The people lifted up their voice and wept, in view of the consequences of their sin. Called the name of that place Bochim, that is, "The Weeper." And they sacrificed. Doubtless they were sincere, both in their sorrow, and in their worship. But the effect was rather on the surface than in the heart.

THE DEATH OF JOSHUA.—Vs. 6-9. Here begins a new section of the book of Judges. Let the people go from their assembly at Shechem, after their solemn promise to obey God.

Served the Lord all the days of Joshua. So deep was the impress of this great and good man upon the nation. All the days of the elders. These elders would be all that were old enough to take part in the war of Canaan. Seen all the great works of the Lord. This reveals another powerful source of impression upon the character of men,—the experiences of God's wonderful works. The servant of the Lord. What a noble epitaph for any man. A hundred and ten years old. As he was eighty-five, when he entered the promised land, he had lived there twenty-five years. Buried him. . . in Timnath-heres. The situation is uncertain. Conder thinks it was nine miles south of Shechem.

THE CHARACTER OF JOSHUA. His character was almost faultless. (1) He was a man of profound faith. (2) He was courageous, fearing no danger, shrinking from no duty. (3) He was disinterested. Joshua lived not for himself, but for his people. (4) He was faithful to every trust reposed in him. (5) He was statesman and warrior. (6) Joshua was,

in one respect, at least, a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. As he conducted Israel into the rest of the earthly Canaan, so is Jesus, leading the Christian Israel into the rest of holiness and heaven.

THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES.—Vs. 10-12, 16. In these verses is given a general view of the history of the Israelites while they were under the dispensation of the judges.

The government was largely that of a republic, of which God himself was the real head. There was no central authority. It was intended to be "the people's government, for the people, by the people, and answerable to the people. The high priest was God's prime minister; the priests and Levites were to decide ordinary cases and to instruct the nation; and judges were raised up to be military commanders in times of special need.

It is impossible to give an exact chronology of this period, because the story of the judges is not written in the chronology method. But we have some of the general outlines. There were 480 years between the Exodus (1491) and the building of the temple (1012). There were three hundred years (about) between Othniel, the first judge (1427), and Jephthah (1116).

All that generation. The example and influence of the men who had experienced God's wonderful dealings lasted a long time. But new men grew up under new influences, and there was a change.

And the children of Israel did evil. They first forgot God. Their faith lost its reality and power. The decay of faith is the prelude to the decay of morals. In the sight of the Lord, in the presence of his commandments. And served: true religion is a service of love and reverence. Baalim, the plural of Baal, representing the variety of offices and attributes of the God.

Baal was worshipped in the use of images of wood, stone, bronze, silver, and gold, and pillars of stone. These images and pillars were set up by the side of altars as places of sacrifice, upon high places, towers or roofs of palaces, and sometimes in temples. Baal was worshipped by kissing his images, enthusiastic dances, cutting of the person, and other ecstatic rites, by incense and sacrifices, but the choicest sacrifice was an only son. The favorite form of sacrifice to his consort Ashtaroth was prostitution.

ONE CAUSE of their sin is referred to in 3: 6, their close social relations with the heathen. The Israelites were intended to be a separate people. They were not trained enough nor strong enough to live a pure and holy life while in close contact with the heathen. They needed to be separate and pure, and then by example and kindness they could teach and elevate the nations.

Provoked the Lord to anger, an intense feeling against sin. The people were throwing away his best gifts, and it was necessary to punish them where he wished to bless. The surrounding nations were allowed to be the instrument for their punishment. This was wise, for it intended to make the people averse to the things which tempted them. Nevertheless, God punishes his people, but he does not destroy them. The Lord raised up. By leading them to the needful training, and summoning them to their work. Judges, which delivered them. The Jewish judges were more saviours of lib-rators. They were raised up as occasion demanded.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

There is for all of us much land yet to be possessed,—in our hearts, in gospel truth, in the application of the gospel to daily life, in Christian experience, in ethics, in the power of the Spirit, in gaining the world for Christ.

We often fail because we want rest before we have fully gained the victory.

Remaining sins, bad habits, wrong thoughts are a perpetual source of temptation, disaster and trouble.

The world, money, pleasure, self are the Baals which modern men worship.

There is great danger in making intimate friendships with the world its evil customs and fashions.

From the sources of sin come also the punishments of sin.

There can be no departure from God and his commandments without suffering as a consequence.

As soon as any one is willing to repent and return to God, he is ready to welcome and forgive.

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"HEAVEN HAS COME DOWN OUR SOULS TO BLESS.

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Changed myself, I did not know that all else must change to me, but faith was tested and sacrifice demanded. The Lord said: "Go work in my vineyard to day." No time to spare; the King's work required haste, and in utter weakness there was obedience.

Standing for the first time before a great company of people as leader, as I opened my Bible to read the words selected by my father for his child, I had lost the place, and my eyes rested upon the Chronicles of God's people. Then, lost to self, a mighty cry for help reached the ear of the loving Father, who quickly answered with the thirty seventh psalm, in reading which all was forgotten but the yearning love of God for dying souls, the sacrifice of Christ for their salvation, and the union of the Holy Ghost who had come down, until closing the Book, the soul found utterance in the words of the apostle, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God." How sacred from that moment His Word! What wondrous things have been seen in His law, and how fully have we learned that the law of man must be as His if blessing shall be ours!

What day since then! How women have known the indwelling Christ! How all things have been counted loss for the excellency of the knowledge of our Lord! How the Holy Spirit has lighted the pages of God's Word, while home has been sweeter and country dearer!

"Heaven has come down our souls to bless," not the promised heaven beyond, but heaven within, the present joy of the Lord. And not for us alone, for to-day we look into homes once dark and imbruted, where life as sweet and pure as that within our own, where the white ribbon tells the same story of a new being, of hope and love; where the little ones are trained "for God and home and native land," who in the near, glad future, will lay their hands on the lever of power in this glorious Republic and fulfil the promise of our Lord.

Thanks be unto God, we see His eternal luster in the saving and the cleansing, and with faith, fearing not, we believe "It is the Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom to His little ones."

MARY A. WOODBRIDGE.

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